

FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM FACT SHEET 01-17 For Outpatient Providers And Office Managers

What is the Foreign Medical Program?

The Foreign Medical Program (FMP) is a federal health benefits program for veterans administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. FMP is a Fee for Service (indemnity plan) program. FMP provides reimbursement for VA adjudicated service-connected conditions.

How does FMP relate to CHAMPUS/TRICARE?

There is no relationship between FMP and CHAMPUS/TRICARE.

Is pre-authorization required for services?

The only pre-authorization required under FMP is for durable medical equipment valued at \$300 (U.S.) or more.

Do I need approvals for referrals to specialists or for diagnostic tests?

Approvals are not required for referrals for service-connected conditions.

What kind of case management and utilization review is performed?

Claims are reviewed to determine whether the medical care provided is related to the service-connected condition. Clinical reviews may also include review of durable medical equipment, mental health/substance abuse, physical, occupational and speech therapy; home health care, inpatient skilled nursing services and rehabilitation.

What kind of medication is covered under the FMP?

Only prescription medications are covered under the FMP and only when prescribed for a service-connected condition. These medications **MUST** be approved for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Is there a contract or agreement that I must sign to accept/participate in FMP?

No, FMP does not have contract providers.

How do I get a claim paid?

Provide the following information when you submit a claim:

- Patient's full name
- Patient's mailing address
- Patient's U.S. Social Security Number
- Patient's VA Claim Number
- Provider's full name
- Provider's medical title
- Provider's office address
- Provider's office telephone
- Provider's billing address if different from "office address"
- Diagnosis treated
- Narrative description of service provided
- Billed charge for each service
- Date(s) of service

Send the above documentation to the Health Administration Center, Foreign Medical Program, P.O. Box 65021, Denver, CO 80206-9021.

What does FMP pay?

FMP pays billed charges, there are no co-pays for the patient.

How fast does FMP pay?

FMP normally pays 95 percent of claims within 45 working days.

How do I know someone is FMP eligible?

Veterans will have an FMP Benefits Authorization.

How do I get more information?

- Check our web site at www.va.gov/hac, select Foreign Medical Program
- Write us at P.O. Box 65021, Denver, CO 80206-9021
- E-mail us at hac.fmp@med.va.gov
- Call 303-331-7590, Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Eastern Time.
- Fax information to 303-331-7803.